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SUBJECT: FRG BILATERALS AT HELSINKI SUMMIT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE PRINCIPAL GERMAN BILATERALS IN
HELSINKI WITH WESTERN LEADERS CONCERNED PORTUGAL AND
SPAIN. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT PLEDGED FRG SUPPORT TO COSTA
GOMES PROVIDED THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION MOVES IN THE
DIRECTION OF A PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY. SCHMIDT
EMPHASIZED THE FRG INTEREST IN A SMOOTH TRANSITION
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IN GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING FRANCO'S DEMISE WITH SPANISH

PRIME MINISTER ARIAS. WITH REGARD TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE, THE FRG BELIEVES THE EC-9 INTERVENTION IN HELSINKI WAS USEFUL IN PREVENTING A WORSENING OF THE SITUATION. END SUMMARY

2. AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND MET WITH FONOFF DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUHFUS ON AUGUST 5 FOR A DEBRIEFING ON THE VARIOUS PRINCIPAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH THE GERMANS ENGAGED DURING THE RECENT HELSINKI SUMMIT. TURNING FIRST TO PORTUGAL, RUHFUS DESCRIBED CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S VERY TOUGH LECTURE TO PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT GOSTA GOMES. THE CHANCELLOR VOICED THE OPINION THAT PORTUGAL'S BIGGEST PROBLEM WAS ECONOMIC AND THAT THE COUNTRY COULD NOT BE RUN LIKE AN ARMY DIVISION. SCHMIDT CITED HIS OWN EXPERIENCE IN THE FRG BOTH AS FINANCE AND DEFENSE MINISTERS. HE STRESSED THAT PORTUGAL COULD COUNT ON FRG SUPPORT PROVIDED THE REVOLUTION MOVES IN THE DIRECTION OF A PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY. SCHMIDT CONTINUED THAT THE FRG HAD ARGUED PORTUGAL'S CASE AMONG THE EC-9. COSTA GOMES RESPONDED THAT THE PORTUGUESE WANTED A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY, BUT THERE WERE MANY PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WAS THE SOCIALIST PARTY. COSTA GOMES ALSO ASKED IF DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER COULD VISIT PORTUGAL. (COMMENT: LEBER IS CURRENTLY ON VACATION, BUT THE FONOFF PLANS TO CHECK WITH FMOD REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A LEBER VISIT AS REQUESTED. LEBER HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INVITED BY THE PORTUGUESE DEFENSE MINISTER TO VISIT PORTUGAL, BUT HAS NOT YET ACTED ON THE INVITATION.)

3. IN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S DISCUSSION WITH SPANISH PRIME MINISTER ARIAS, THE CHANCELLOR EMPHASIZED THE FRG INTEREST IN A SMOOTH TRANSITION IN GOVERNMENT AT SUCH TIME AS FRANCO PASSES FROM THE SCENE. ARIAS IN RESPONSE ISSUED AN APPEAL FOR CLOSE COOPERATION WITH EUROPE AND THE ALLIANCE. SCHMIDT SAID SUCH COOPERATION COULD BE EXPECTED, BUT LINKED IT TO FUTURE DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS IN SPAIN. AT THE CLOSE OF THE CONVERSATION,

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ARIAS SPOKE ABOUT THE MODERATE POLITICAL FORCES
ORGANIZING IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL, WITH THE PRIME
MINISTER PROFESSING TO SEE THE DANGER OF CIVIL WAR
BREAKING OUT.

4. AS FOR THE GREECE-TURKEY-CYPRUS SITUATION, RUHFUS
SAID FONMIN GENSCHER MET WITH TURKISH FONMIN
CAGLAYANGIL AND STRESSED A NEGOTIATING APPROACH
INVOLVING NO PRECONDITIONS WITH ALL PARTIES MOVING
AT THE SAME TIME. CAGLAYANGIL'S RESPONSE WAS TO
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ASK WHEN THE FRG INTENDED TO FULFILL TURKISH ARMS

REQUESTS. IN A SEPARATE MEETING OF EC-9 LEADERS
WITH TURKISH PREMIER DEMIREL, THE QUESTION WAS POSED BY
GISCARD WHETHER AN EC-9 REPRESENTATIVE WOULD
BE RECEIVED. DEMIREL DID NOT EXCLUDE SUCH A POSSIBILITY.
ACCORDINGLY, THE EC-9 WILL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE
AREAS FOR FURTHER MANEUVER. RUHFUS ADDED THAT THE
INTERVENTION OF THE NINE MAY HAVE PREVENTED A
WORSENING OF THE SITUATION, IN PARTICULAR OVERREACTION
BY THE TURKS. THE FRG PLANS TO QUERY ITS EMBASSIES IN
THE THREE CAPITALS PLUS WASHINGTON FOR A NEW READOUT OF
THE SITUATION. THE FRG WILL ALSO ASK FOR A REPORT ON
THE CYPRUS ISSUE BY THE EC-9 PRESIDENCY.
HILLENBRAND

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